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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for producing a landscape plan for a property uses a set of predefined unique symbols, each corresponding to a generic landscape element. The landscape plan uses the symbols to indicate the locations on the property where various generic landscape elements are to be located. Landscape elements include not only plants, but hardscape elements such as retaining walls, sidewalks, driveways, patios, pools, ponds, etc. Generic plant categories are also defined according to plant size and leaf texture. Symbols are assigned for hardscape elements according to a type of material to be used. A customer communicates information regarding the property to a landscape architect, preferably via the Internet. The information includes a survey of the property, a photograph of the property, and a list of desired landscape characteristics for the property.